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UTAH STATE VS. UNLV

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## The Hit List

#	NAME	HT	POS	YR
1	Smith, Roscoe	6'8	F	JR
2	Birch, Khem	6'9	F	JR
3	Olekaibe, Kevin	6'2	G	SR
5	Wood, Christian	6'10	F	FR
10	Cook, Daquan	6'1	G	SO
11	Lopez-Sosa, Carlos	6'11	F	SR
12	Cheany, Barry	6'1	G	JR
13	Dejean-Jones, Bryce	6'5	G	JR
15	Smith, Kendall	6'2	G	FR
20	Rushman, Charles	6'3	G	FR
22	Kendrick, Jelani	6'6	G	JR
24	Morant, Demetris	6'9	F	FR
30	Walker, Dantley	5'11	G	FR
33	Smith, Deville	6'0	G	JR

Head Coach: Dave Rice

## Renewing the Rivalry

There's been a lot of hype around this season for a lot of reasons. One of the big things we've been loving is the return of a lot of traditional rivalries which were staples in USU's diet for years. Wyoming, CSU, Nevada... all of them presented some fun that we've to draw on. We also have come to compete directly with several other incredible home court advantages.

Here's the deal though. No other student section has tried harder this season to match our fervor than the UNLV Rebellion (and props to them for that). And no rivalry in the history of USU basketball has more blood and guts (literally). Check out the picture of current UNLV coach Dave Rice's face covered in blood after he fought with some USU players) than the games against UNLV. This game is huge.

Back when former UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian was effectively coaching (and maybe a bit of cheating) his way through some of the most successful season in NCAA history, things got HEATED between these teams. If you haven't seen the YouTube videos, do yourself a favor and pull them up. From an all out brawl on UNLV's court to a water device being placed in the vents behind the opposing bench that sprayed blue water on them during the game, things may have gotten out of control, but they were AWESOME.

Now, we're not proponents of all out brawls or things that would get you prison time these days, but look at what the crowd did back then! Talk the Shark got the inflatable shark treatment, kids dressed up as boxers after the fight (UNLV players were notorious for bruising up other teams), there was even a giant banner that got flown on balloons so no one could take it down that said "UNLV Eat Bull S\*\*\* and Die."

As we said before, don't do anything to draw technical fouls on the audience. No throwing things on the court, no racial slurs, but let things fly tonight. These last few games have shown groups around the Spectrum making a name for themselves by starting their own cheers, screaming loud and getting their #ArmsAround this team. Keep it up, Aggies.



## In All Honesty: A game preview

Let's reflect a little bit on the previous meeting between Utah State and UNLV. The Aggies went down to Las Vegas and got worked... by 20 points. Everything about the game was rough.

That being said, Utah State is playing like a whole different team the last two weeks. Kyle Davis is back from injury and the Aggies are playing team basketball.

UNLV is no laughing matter. These guys are athletic and can play ball. Watch for Roscoe Smith to attack the boards hard as one of the top rebounders in the conference. Deville Smith lit us up for 18 points last time we met and Bryce Dejean-Jones is always a threat.

The Rebels struggle on the road, their last road game was a 20-point loss to Colorado State (who the Aggies handled easily.)

This game really depends on what teams show up. Will it be similar to the game in Las Vegas earlier this season? We think not.

OUR PREDICTION: Aggies continue to play well and beat UNLV in the Spectrum by four.

## Quick Thoughts

- Watch for a fun new addition to our newsletter next week! Make sure you are subscribed to the "Front Row Network" podcast channel and we'll have a surprise for you soon!

- Thank you to all of you who have "liked" our Facebook page and/or followed us on Twitter @USUBangarang. We love connecting with you and talking Aggie sports.

- Shout out to those of you who wait in line for hours to get inside the Spectrum first. We hope to see more N64 Mario Kart and Super Smash Bros. tournaments.

- Go Aggies!!!



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## "THE BANT" - The Kreigh-Kreigh Edition

Before we get started, a quick statistic: there are three - count em - Smiths on this basketball team. Outside of the Plumlees brothers at Duke we can't recall this much dominance of a last name on a basketball squad in possibly the history of the game. The funniest part, even though one of them is totally named Roscoe, is none of these Smiths will even make our list today. Looking past that and the fact the Rebels have two staff members named Rocky and Kreigh Warkentein (we just have no clue) and you get the idea we have a bit of BANTerrific roster on our hands. Sit back, getcha Webster's pronunciation cheat sheet handy and enjoy the Bangarang All-Name Team - UNLV Edition. Buckle up, it's about to get Kreigh-Kreigh.

### HONORABLE MENTIONS

**Daquan Cook** (any chance you can sneak in an SNL Chicago fan-syle "DAAAAAAA-QUAN!" You do it. And loudly. We're not asking. We're commanding.), **Dantley Walker** (For, if nothing else, having the perfect name for a middle class parent to yell when they are misbehaving when visitors are over: "Dantley! For the

last time, get your tongue out of the potato salad!"), **Demetris Morant** (because we would have made full fun of the name "Demetrius" in and of itself, then you had to go and even screw THAT up).

### BANT INDUCTEES

**Bryce Dejean-Jones** - Look, mark this. We don't care in the least how anyone in the world you tell us how it's pronounced, dude's name is a mustard. Any and all mustard related chants - we know you have SO many - are a must. We won't even hit on the fact he have siblings named Malik, Kahlil, Jabriel and Kianna, but he got stuck with Bryce.

**Khem Birch** - The conglomerate of a science class prefix and a tree. No argument there, right? But the real crux to this inductee? His parents names are Wendy Sparks and - sit down, we're positive you aren't ready for this - Dervincent Birch. We... we don't even... just take that for what it is. Also, his middle name is Xavier, which always helps. No word yet on whether or not his father goes by "Dervincent Kong."

## The Boo Box - Because what happens in Vegas doesn't always stay in Vegas.

**#1 Roscoe Smith**- His name is Roscoe. He kinda looks like Hitch after his face deflates from the shellfish allergy.

**#10 Daquan Cook**- This guy is actually really boring. Nothing he tweets or posts on Facebook is fun or exciting at all. But at least he shoots a stunning 27% from the field. Literally the worst shooter on his team and it's not even close. Not quite sure why he gets any playing time.

**#13 Bryce Dejean-Jones**- This guy is pretty sexist. One quote of his: "I feel bad for women, you care about relationships." We have a feeling this is just him lashing out after all of his constant failures with the opposite sex. Hope you had an awesome Valentine's day Bryce.

**#11 Carlos Lopez-Sosa**- On January 6 attempted to tweet "Excited" for, ya know, something that probably happened on January 5, but managed to actually tweeted "Exited" Then again, he could have just been excited to exit out of somewhere, so let's not judge. Actually, let's do judge, a lot. Ask this kid where he exited from on January 6. As much as possible.

**#15 Kendall Smith**- Got his phone stolen by Roscoe Smith. Apparently it ruined a few of his relationships and caused some concern by his parents. Let's ask him what the picture his mom received was.

**#33 DeVille Smith**- Openly invited anyone on Twitter to get on Facetime with him. This is an openly friendly invitation, friends, so don't leave him hanging. Oh yeah, also, his actual first name is Marquavious. This child has "da hell?" written all over him.

**#24 Demetris Morant**- He loves The Bangarang. Constantly uses the hashtag #BangBang. Thanks for the love Demetris.

**Coach Dave Rice**- Played for UNLV when the famous "Brawl" and "Water Bomb" incidents occurred between USU and UNLV. Was an assistant at Utah State so we really want to make him regret leaving. Rice also had a stint as a coach at BYU, which should make you like him even less. Chant and scream at him any time there is a time out.

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